

REMARKS

The Office Action dated August 28, 2007 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 2, 3, 6, 14, 24-27, and 32-38 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention and claims 1, 4, 5, 21, 23, 28, 29, 30, and 31 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter in claims 2, 3, and 24-26.

Claims 2, 3, 6-9, 13-15, 17, and 24-27, and 32-38 are pending and under consideration.

On page 3, claim 38 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Office Action submits that it was not found in the specification a description of the certification authorization not requiring an AAA server. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection for the following reasons.

As described on paragraph [0012] of the specification, the system SA 1 comprises a visited network VN 2 and a home network HN 3 for a subscriber using user equipment

UE 4. The visited network VN 2 comprises an AAA (Authorization, Authentication, Accounting) server AAA-V 21. The home network HN 3 comprises an AAA server AAA-H 31 with which the UE 4 has static (permanent) trust. According to paragraph [0012] of the specification, all network nodes and certification authorities are preferably part of network domain security (NDS) so that secure communication between the certification authority CA, the AU and the AAA server can be provided. A person of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate that, in one embodiment, the certification authority CA, since it is communicating with the AAA server, does not need to include the AAA server. Also, paragraph [0014] provides that the certification authority CA provides the transaction parties with certificates, i.e. it is the trusted third party. Accordingly, the features recited in claim 38 are supported by the specification.

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 38 was not properly rejected. Rather, the specification alone may be rejected, at most, under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Specifically, according to 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, “the specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same, and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.” Thus, the referred portion of the statute is directed to the specification, but it is not directed to the claim language. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection presented in the Office Action is improper because

claim 38 is being rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, rather than the specification, and therefore it should be withdrawn.

On page 4 of the Office Action, claims 1, 4, 6-8, 10-21, and 27-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Application No. 2002/065785 to Tsuda ("Tsuda") in view of U.S. Application No. 2003/0119501 to Kim ("Kim") and U.S. Patent No. 6,751,459 to Lee et al. ("Lee").

The Office Action indicated that claims 2-3 and 24-26 were allowable, if amended to include the limitations of the base claim. Applicants have amended claims 2, 3, and 24-26 into independent form incorporating the features of their corresponding base claims and have amended claims 32-36 to include, in part, the limitations of at least claims 2, 3, 24, 25, and 26. Claim 6 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 24, claim 14 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 26, claim 27 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 25, and claims 37-38 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 2. As such, Applicants submit that claims 2, 3, 6-8, 13-15, 17, and 24-27, and 32-38 are in condition for allowance. Thus, the rejections of claims 1, 4, 6-8, 10-21, and 27-38 under §103 over Tsuda, Kim, and Lee are considered moot.

Also, on page 10 of the Office Action, claims 5, 9, and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Tsuda, Kim, Lee, and further in view of U.S. Publication No. 2002/0145561 to Sandhu et al. ("Sandhu").

The Office Action indicated that claims 2-3 and 24-26 were allowable, if amended to include the limitations of the base claim. Claims 5 and 23 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, therefore, the rejection to these claims is deemed moot. Claim 9 is dependent from claim 6, which has been amended to depend from allowed claim 24. As such, Applicants submit that claim 9 is in condition for allowance. Thus, the rejection of claim 9 under §103 over Tsuda, Kim, Lee, and Sandhu is considered moot.

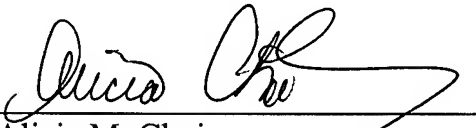
In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention recites subject matter which is neither disclosed nor suggested in the cited prior art. Applicants further submit that the subject matter is more than sufficient to render the claimed invention unobvious to a person of skill in the art. Applicants therefore respectfully request that each of claims 2, 3, 6-9, 13-15, 17, and 24-27, and 32-38 be found allowable and this application passed to issue.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time.

Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

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